

A Day in the Navy

September 16, 2009

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- On Sept.16, 330,549 Active Duty Officers, Sailors and Midshipmen; 109,299 Ready Reserve Sailors, with 6,528 Reserves mobilized, and 193,268 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 286 active ships are in service. 102 (36%) including four carriers and two large-deck, amphibious ships are underway.
- 10,673 Individual Augmentees, 5,014 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- [Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West attends the promotion ceremony](#) aboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain and speaks to 47 newly-pinned chief petty officers. Navy-wide, 3,676 Sailors become chief petty officers.
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 steam east out of the Northern Arabian Sea. After several months of supporting Operation Enduring Freedom by flying missions in support of coalition forces on the ground, they are leaving the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations for other tasking and eventual return to their homeport in San Diego, Calif.
- The Bataan Amphibious Ready Group conducts Maritime Security Operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations. [USS Fort McHenry \(LSD 43\)](#) and USS Ponce (LPD15) conduct a replenishment at sea in the Central Arabian Gulf, while the USS Bataan (LHD 5) operates in the North Arabian Gulf.
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 Platoon 521 responds with its Iraqi Police counterparts to an improvised rocket launcher site in the vicinity of Basrah, Iraq, and assisted EOD counterparts in clearing the area of all explosive hazards and gathering forensic evidence for later prosecution in Iraqi courts.
- As part of Africa Partnership Station, Swift (HSV 2) departs Monrovia, Liberia, after a 15-day port visit that included a medical and veterinary civic action project and various other projects. Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NCMB) 3 remain ashore helping to renovate a hospital and Coast Guard pier.
- In Souda Bay, Greece, approximately 500 U.S. military personnel participate in Exercise Maritime Pre-positioning Force (MPF) Offload 2009, an exercise to test U.S. naval forces tactics, techniques and procedures during an MPF offload of more than 100 items from three pre-equipped and pre-positioned ships.

- USS Higgins (DDG 76) is underway in the Adriatic Sea participating in exercise Jackal Stone 2009, a special operations exercise involving units from Croatia, Albania, Hungary, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Sweden and Ukraine.
- Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NCMB) 3 are deployed to Romania in support of Joint Task Force East, executing three projects in the local community, including replacement of perimeter fences and classroom renovations at a middle and elementary school. The detail is also constructing a new mechanic shop on Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.
- USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19), along with USS Doyle (FFG 39), and USCGC Mohawk (WMEC 913), joined 27 other ships from Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay, in [PANAMAX 09](#), an annual exercise designed to integrate a multinational task force in defense of the Panama Canal.
- Active and reserve Sailors assigned to four [Expeditionary Training Command Mobile Training Teams](#) deployed to Peru, Mozambique, Costa Rica and Guatemala are performing security force assistance training.
- The [Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group](#) is conducting its Joint Task Force Exercise off the East Coast of the U.S., along with 13 foreign ships from nine other nations.
- [USS Texas \(SSN 775\)](#) departs its homeport of Groton, Conn., to conduct an interfleet transfer to its new homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- [USS John C. Stennis \(CVN 74\)](#) is underway conducting a Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier Qualifications in the southern California operating area to train pilots how to safely operate in, and around an aircraft carrier at sea.
- Patrol Squadron (VP) 47 [aircrew and maintainers](#) at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, Hawaii, work around the clock to [prepare for a reposition flight and transfer](#) of a recently modified P-3C anti-surface warfare improvement program aircraft to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.
- [USS Nimitz \(CVN 68\) and Carrier Air Wing \(CVW\) 11](#) entered the Indian Ocean and are poised to maintain a naval and air presence in the region to deter destabilizing activities while safeguarding the region's vital links to the global economy.
- USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4) along with the 240-member Pacific Partnership 2009 team is in the Marshall Islands as a part of this year's dedicated humanitarian and civil assistance mission. Pacific Partnership is conducting medical, dental, veterinary and engineering civic action programs ashore at Ailinglaplap and Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands.

- In Mindanao, Philippines, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 Platoon 502 advised and assisted the 72nd Armed Forces of the Philippines EOD team in the disposal of several explosive remnants of war and unexploded ordnance caches, consisting of more than 3,100 ordnance items and totaling 3,600 pounds of net explosive weight.
- Members of the Naval Criminal Investigation Service security training, assistance and assessment team and the NCIS Singapore field office, working jointly with the U.S. Coast Guard, provide basic port security instruction to civil security personnel and guards in the port of Dili, Timor Leste, East Timor.
- Commander, Navy Installations Command and Navy Region Southwest conduct a day of intensive crisis action plan training. More than 40 civilian and military personnel participate in this operational-level training designed to prepare Navy personnel to respond quickly and successfully to natural and man-made hazards.
- More than 500 associates from Naval Supply System Command's Navy Exchange Service Command headquarters in Virginia Beach, Va., participate in the command's annual Diversity Day celebration. Speakers include representatives from the National Institute for the Blind, the Cheroenhaka Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Va., Navy Religious Ministry and Navy Diversity Directorate Office.